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FOR EYES ONLY ACTING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR  
FROM BAKKE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR TELEGRAM OF APRIL 10, THERE  
FOLLOW CERTAIN ITEMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

1. PERSONNEL: IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS  
WILL FOLLOW SECRETARY MORTON FROM INTERIOR ON THE  
IMMEDIATE STAFF: HITT (EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT), AUSTIN  
(ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT), A TRAVEL MAN AND RHATICAN  
(WHO WILL REPLACE BUD LITTIN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS). IN  
ADDITION, SAM TUTHILL WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ERC MATTERS;  
HE WILL BE TALKING TO CHAMBERLIN ON MONDAY,  
APRIL 14. A HOLD HAS BEEN PLACED ON ALL MAJOR  
APPOINTMENTS IN DOC, EXCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR FIRE  
ADMINISTRATION ADMINISTRATOR AND DEPUTY WERE SENT TO  
CONGRESS TODAY.

2. CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR SECRETARY MORTON ARE  
PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24. ANTICIPATE  
CONFIRMATION TOWARDS END OF MONTH AND SWEARING IN PRIOR  
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TO MORTON'S DEPARTURE MAY 6 FOR WORLD PETROLEUM

CONFERENCE (TOKYO) AND CHINA. MORTON EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF COUNTRY MAY 6 TO 17.

3. A PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTED SUPPLEMENTALS IN THAT THE HOUSE WILL SCHEDULE NO MORE HEARINGS ON SUPPLEMENTALS THIS FISCAL YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT THE MTN (FOX) SUPPLEMENTAL WILL HAVE TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE FOR HEARINGS AND THEN AGREED ON IN CONFERENCE. OF GREATER DIFFICULTY IS THE PROPOSED ENERGY SUPPLEMENTAL, STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY OMB. OMB PRESENTLY PROJECTS TARGET DATE FOR DECISION OF APRIL 25. CHAMBERLIN IS TRYING TO SPEED UP.

4. MORTON BRIEFINGS HAVE GONE WELL (ENERGY, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND TRADE, DOMESTIC ECONOMY AND UNEMPLOYMENT, 200 MILE LIMIT). A SERIES OF ACTION ITEMS HAVE EMANATED FROM THOSE BRIEFINGS. THESE ARE ALL UNDERWAY WITH DUE DATES TO MORTON AND HIS STAFF NEXT WEEK. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS ENERGY PAPER WHICH IS GOING TO TUTHILL (HODSOLL AND TUTHILL WILL DISCUSS TUESDAY).

5. DURING DISCUSSION WITH MORTON ON ECONOMY

AND UNEMPLOYMENT, HE EVINCE GREAT INTEREST IN SEATRAN PROBLEM. WHEN INFORMED OF YOUR MEMO TO SEIDMAN, HE

INDICATED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS. MORTON SAID THIS QUOTE LIKE LOCKHEED END QUOTE. ENSUING DISCUSSION SHOWED MORTON THAT NEITHER MARAD NOR EDA WANTED TO FUND AILING SEATRAN. COPIES OF YOUR MEMORANDUM TO SEIDMAN AND THE INCOMING ABSTRACTS FROM EDA AND MARAD WERE DISTRIBUTED TO MORTON, BLACKWELL AND MIZELL. MORTON INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE THIS UP WITH WHITE HOUSE. DO YOU HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS?

6. PAPER SETTING OUT REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICE OF INVESTMENT IS COMING UP EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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7. RE IRAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, MONSANTO DECLINED; DU PONT BEING DISCUSSED WITH TREASURY. PACKARD ALERTED TO POSSIBLE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

8. RE TITLE X, TARGET TOTAL NOW US DOLLARS 179.5 MILLION. MAILING GOING OUT OVER YOUR SIGNATURE TONIGHT.

9. RE YOUR CABLE TO HAVE EDWARDS DINE WITH YOU IN PARIS

APRIL 16, EDWARDS REPORTS UNABLE TO JOIN YOU IN PARIS, BUT  
COULD MEET YOU IN LONDON ON APRIL 17. WE HAVE INFORMED  
PACIFIC MARINE CORPORATION (NEW YORK) THAT YOU ARE  
RETURNING TO WASHINGTON THAT DAY.

10. BARONI PROJECT ON TRACK, WITH CURRENT FUNDS TO  
COME FROM EDA.

11. AD COUNCIL PROJECT ON TRACK.

12. RHODESIAN CHROME ISSUE HEATING UP. KISSINGER

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